MERICA'S OFFICIAL HOSTESSESABROAD

THE Daughters of Uncle Sam Who Preside Over the Mansions of His Official Representatives at the Capitals of the Nations of the World Are Fair to Look Upon, and Their Wit Has Become the Envy of Those of Their Sex Wherever They Have Gone-Just at Present the Nation's Official Women Are Largely of the Younger Set-Among Them Are Individuals Who Have Won Fame in Art and Literature.

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corps abroad. Women of beauty the beginning, and to these native advantages they have added the experience of years spent at the courts of kings and in travel from embassy to embassy and legation to legation the world around. Wherever they have gone the open, sesame of the government which they have represented has given them access to the best that the age has to offer.

more vividly than do the men. So, while life for all nations.

have made no inconsiderable sacrifice in arranged all manner of entertainment giving up the'r home ties and exiling themselves from their native land for Mrs. Conger's record at that most deliyears and probably decades. In a way cate of posts for a woman was a remarkthey are recompensed for the sacrifice able one. She became close friends with by the picturesqueness of the lives they ability and intelligence of the American where the inner lives of the Chinese royal woman, supplemented by her adaptabil- families are lived. ity, this process bullds character. She becomes cosmopolitan. Her charms mul-

tiply, her horizon widens. She becomes the greatest of her kind. corps are largely social. Particularly is sions arise when dangers are to be faced other country, yet the difference in any to the set of young people who, while at the debutante reception given for Miss bassador. Mrs. Bacon, who, to those outand where the facing of them is a mat- of the nations abroad is sufficient to they dance and frolic, have time for more Helen Taft. Although Miss Ide is some side of what she considers her exclusive has been the cause of the adopting of come thoroughly established in the most come the envy of her sisters in all lands.



European, were gathered in the Ameri- make the post of these American women men. For the real measure of a given can compound, threatened with death by very difficult. At all these posts are the civilization is the home life of its people, the fanatics who were attempting to scale selected, fittest wemen of other nations and the women folk portray that life the walls and exterminate them. Mrs. and the competition is the strongest con-E. C. Conger, wife of the American min- ceivable. The present corps of the "mis- serious things. Miss Boutell has made an ister to China, was the heroine of the sionaries of American life" is regarded exhaustive study of art matters, and is the men of the diplomatic corps are seeking to establish cordial relations from occasion. She was the most popular of as being particularly able. Among it are herself an artist of no little talent. It is
occasion. She was the most popular of as being particularly able. Among it are herself an artist of no little talent. It is ing to establish cordial relations from all the foreigners with the masses of the a number of women of letters and women expected by her friends that she will win the political standpoint, the American Chinese themselves. While exerting her of reputations as artists and musical as great a name for herself in the art chatelaines of the legations and embas- influence in various channels to calm the composers. There still remain some world abroad as her fellow compatriots, sies are giving object lessons in American rabble of the city, she was none the less grande dames of the old school. There the Earney sisters, have in the salons of active in cheering the hearts of the staff are many new members who are girls Paris ladies, comforting their children and di-Many of these women there are who While the rabble threatened outside she type of the woman of the west. within the walls, and kept her charges

in good cheer until rescue came. the empress dowager, who ruled this nalead abroad, by the looks they get be- tion, which boasts one-fourth of the hind the scenes of exclusive courts of globe's population, with a rod of iron. It foreign potentates, and by the winding was through this friendship with the track of travel which is formed by their stern old woman that Mrs. Conger was transfer from post to post, and which showered with gifts of the far east and ized people hold court. Upon the native mysteries of that famous Forbidden City the diplomatic corps abroad are two siding at a legation at the punctilious mysteries of that famous Forbidden City the diplomatic corps abroad has given

MISS ALICE BOUTELL -

The lives of members of the diplomatic in social ideas are probably more differ- installed in their picturesque embassy. Ide returned to Washington for a visit. Washington social Particularly is



barely out of school, yet of such striking When Miss Margery Colton of Washingbeauty as to draw much attention to the ton went to Porto Rico to play chatelaine Probably the best known of the diplo- Porto Rico, Washington society lost one matic women who have essayed litera- of its favorite members. ture is Mrs. Post Wheeler, who, under has taken her place on the little island

tation, and Miss Rives were married while be proud to have represent them. Mr. Wheeler was secretary of the Ameri- Miss Marjorie Ide, daughter of

esses of the legation at Lisbon. These proven herself well able to handle the **

Henry Sherman Boutell, who, with the in the American ambassador to France duty as the Miss the American ambassador to France duty as the wife of the American ambassador to Buring last winter Wiss the American ambassador to France duty as the wife of the Americ Miss Alice Boutell, who was a debutante and was one of the young ladies selected ticularly bright stars in the persons of clusive luncheons and informal dinners. The position of our millionaire ambassa- are their husbands, and who are doing ent from those of America than in any of Washington two seasons ago, belongs by Mrs. Taft to preside at the tea table the wife and daughter of the new am-



CHARRIS EWING

STATIONED AT ST. PETERSBURG

the name of Hallie Erminie Rives, has in the middle of the ocean as its first won world-wide fame as a writer of fic- lady and has not only won the hearts tion. Mrs. Wheeler is the wife of the of the more prominent people, but of all first secretary of the American embassy the people. Miss Colton has often been at St. Petersbury, and is a factor in the spoken of as the most beautiful Ameridiplomatic society of the Russian capital. can girl abroad. But, be that as it may Mr. Wheeler, who is a poet of some repu- she is a type which Americans may well American women, mother and daughter, court of King Alfonso is usually the lot sistant on this occasion. who have just taken their places as host- of an older woman, but Miss Ide has



Miss Carmel Egan

MINISTER TO DENMARKS

DAUGHTER OF THE

made the journey all the way back to her personality. The little colony of Amer- at Rome, and who made some progress has probably the most valuable private America that she might assist at the icans living in Paris walt anxiously to in breaking down the barriers that had collection of antique vases in the world Among the recent talented additions to ther's hostess. The experience of pre-



visiting Americans ever penetrate. and elegance are remarkable for their able, the Whitelaw Reids have retained splendor and appropriateness. She has a for themselves the same regard as befor rare collection of jewels, the most im- This regard is unquestionable portant of which is a set of opals and dia- that which is extended to the more rep monds which have been collected for her resentatives of the American y lapidists the world over. Among the young girls of France Miss John Ward, two seasons Bacon has become very popular. She is event of international interest. not only very pretty and, like her mother, like Mrs. Bacon, is a great deal of a

always dresses in the best possible taste, grande dame, and a quiet elegance that but she does well everything she under- is gratifying to the most exacting of

When William Woodville Rockhill went to St. Petersburg that post was given a hostess who is probably the most traveled woman in the diplomatic service. In Denmark this nation's representative The long road of her journey leads back to Philadelphia as a starting point, the Rockhills having originally come from of very exceptional intellectual power. that city. In Russia Mrs. Rockhill and his family tends to raise the tone of spends long days in tramping over the our diplomacy in Europe. Mrs. Egan Mrs. Rockhill is one of the most intimate riends of Mrs. Taft, and these two ladies have met many times in different parts of the world. Since her husband folk lore of Denmark, and is an authority has been in the diplomatic service Mrs. Rockhill has become familiar with all America and much of Europe and the far east. At Athens, at Mucarest and at Peking, she has stood as mistress of the American legations.

for an American representative. Before Mr. Bryan was minister to Poriugal, Miss American legation at Rome never at- as well as most accomplished of the royal tempted anything but official entertain- women of Europe. Miss Bryan and her in an apartment house. This was true time of the assassination of the king, and even during the regime of the family of stricken queen turned for schoe in George von L. Meyer, now Secretary of private, while she received the contheir homes and hearts to him. This does grounds and have become important per-not mean that Americans are not given sonages at this most difficult court, Mrs. her an opportunity for exhaustive study considerate treatment by Mrs. Bacon, for Leishman is rather reserved, but her of her hobby, and she has become a very she always is very punctitious to conform natural sense of the beauty of the old great authority upon it. to all the established rules and does her customs of the court has taken her These are but a few of the

Mrs. Bacon by the inner circles of Paris exclusive social life of the British capisociety, a society into which few of the tal. Even during the reign of the present king, who allows it to be known that he Her costumes in that land of good taste regards many Americans as not accept-The marriage of Mass Jean Reid and M

Miss Marjorie Ide OECONO DAUGHTER OF AMERICAN MINISTER TO SPAIN

visiting Americans pervades our embassy

Is and skating on the rivers, is a musician of great talent, and shad skill. Their daughter, Miss Carmel Flant poor and aids as much as is consistent is frequently hostess at musicales and her official position in this work. literary readings. Miss Carmel Evan has made an exhaustive study of the custom of the various countries of the world and is particularly well versed on the upon the mythical pygmies which the people believe did exist or do exist in their forests. Miss Bryan, the sister of the pr minister to Belgium, is better known in Europe than she is in America, as she

has been playing hostess for her brother at the various courts of Europe since she Italy is the most difficult European port was a girl in her teens. At Lisbon, when Bryan enjoyed the fintimate friendship of Queen Amelie, one of the most beautiful

THREE THOUSAND SOUTHERN GIRLS ARE MEMBERS OF UNCLE SAM'S TOMATO CLUBS

You have heard of the boys' corn clubs which have been organized throughout the south. They have already more than

100,000 members and they will number more than 200,-That work 000 before the year closes. is carried on under the direction of Secretary Wilson, and it is backed up by the states, the governors of which are A similar movement has now begun in order to wake up the girls. It originated last January, with the starting of a sirls' tomato club in Aiken, S. C. The Agricultural Department is backing it and there are now more than 3,000 girls. in different parts of the south, who are each raising a patch of tomatoes, under directions sent them from Washington. The agents of the department are traveling over the country establishing temato

great industrial revolution, and the creation of a race of business women on the farms of the south. The idea came from the corn clubs. In them each boy was given one acre by his father. He was to plow and plant it himself, and to have all the profit. I have already written of the mighty results. In certain cases the boys made several hundred dollars off their respective acres, and this year one of them

expects to net one thousand dollars from

a five-acre tract. That money is to send

clubs in three counties of each southern

state, and in time they will turn the

whole south into a market garden. This

is one of the most radical of the new

schemes of Uncle Sam, patriarch. It

means the bringing of woman into our

him through school. Since the organization of the corn clubs the girls of the vicinities in which they were established, have been writing the was not something for them to do. They ment. have been allowed to compete with the ample, there were two girls who each



TYPICAL TOMATO GIRLS.

Agricultural Department whether there state agent of our Agricultural Departs cans. It is enough to make one's eye ing should be eight inches deep to bring York visiting the domestic science school bulge. Miss Cromer devoted her evenings to It is an old saying that ten acres are After this the soil should be thoroughly handle the crop. At her directions a canboys in the corn clubs, and in a number of instances, notwithstanding their sex, of the county and her Saturdays to se- plans of the Agricultural Department are fine. All this should be done before plantthey have produced corn above the aver- curing members. As a result a club of based on one-tenth of an acre. It does ing time." age of the clubs to which they belonged. forty-six httle girls was organized and not seem much. It is equal to a strip The next paragraph tells how to raise first carning day all the tomatoes brought In a South Carolina corn club, for exlorg secured for those forty-three feet front and 100 feet deep, the plants from the seed by taking a box in were put up. There were 125 cans in canning outfit, which can be furnished personal appeal to every girl who is so of all fruits, herbs, balms and spices, a list of valuable prizes secured for those forty-three feet front and 100 feet deep, the plants from the seed by taking a box in were put up. There were 125 cans in canning outfit, which can be furnished personal appeal to every girl who is so of all fruits, herbs, balms and spices, a list of valuable prizes secured for those forty-three feet front and 100 feet deep. who did the best work. Some of the It is not much more than a good sized two feet wide and four feet long and one all, and even faster work than this was at as low a cost as \$10. I have before working. It begins: raised more than one hundred bushels of prizes were money and others were town lot, yet Uncle Sam thinks it is foot deep without a bottom. Sink this in done in the succeeding days. At the same me a report of one of these town lot, yet Uncle Sam thinks it is foot deep without a bottom. Sink this in done in the succeeding days. At the same me a report of one of these town lot, yet Uncle Sam thinks it is foot deep without a bottom. orn off one acre, doing all the culti-books. One was a free scholarship to quite enough to keep one little girl busy, a sunny protected place and fill it to the time instructions were given in the mak-parties. It occurred at White Pond, entering upon one of the most important it means carefulness, inventiveness, inventiveness, inventiveness, inventiveness, and course at White Pond, entering upon one of the most important it means carefulness. It occurred at White Pond, entering upon one of the most important it means carefulness, inventiveness, inventiveness, inventiveness, and course of the most important it means carefulness willingness. vation themselves. One of them raised the Winthrop Normal and Industrial Col- in addition to her school work, during depth of six inches with stable manure, ing of pickles, catsup, chow chow and S. C., at the home of one of the girls of appliance. It means the economy of the time the tomato crop grows. The that of horses or mules preferred. Tramp preserves from tomatoes. Hanna Plowden of Clarender county. She belonged to a club of one hundred and forty-two, of whom one hundred and forty-two forty-two forty-two forty-two, of whom one hundred and forty-two fort boys who raised more than she did, and the average of the club was sixty-two bushels per acre.

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on the box, so that the straw will not social community. It brings the people their instruction in vegetable raising. injure the plants. The straw must not together and creates a fellow interest in The most of the work is being done say that each will be sent a package of emain too long and only when you have each other's work. A new sort of gath- in connection with the schools, and it is tomato seed. It also mentions the farmcold snap. By so doing the plants will be ering has been instituted, known as the found to be highly educational, teaching ers' bulietins which will help her in her When the plants are about three inches bers of one or of the several clubs come and at the same time inculcating practi- In connection with this work tail they can be set out. Mark your land together, and can their tomatoes, ending cal ideas of business, hygiene and general partment has on hand a number of n squares four feet each way, and at their work with a party or picnic. Such home improvement. up your plants, keeping with each as with the soldering.

deep in the ground. The directions say that three pounds of fertilizer should be given to each hill. and the girl is told just how much nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid this should contain and how it should be

There are also a number of suggestions as to the kinds of soil and seed; and how the surface is to be kept free 6. weeds and to have a dust-mulch to save the moisture. There is something as to pruning tomatoes, and tying the plants to stakes; in short, full directions which if followed out, will make each gir! a good gardener. The department sends out seeds for the girls belonging to such lubs, but these must come through the tate agent or organizer.

The prizes are awarded not only upon the quantity of tomatoes raised, but the profits on the investment. Each girl's work is graded under five heads. First, quantity of tomatoes produced; second quality of tomatoes, and third, variety. Each of these counts 20 per cent. Then there is the profit on the investment, another 20 per cent, and the history of report, which counts the same, the whole making up the 100 per cent. The prizes go to the girls who stand highest. The object of the club is to give the girls some means of carning money and to help them turnish their homes with canned and free, vegetables. It is to reduce the cost of living, to produce better living, as well as to make the home and farm more interesting and helpful to all members of the family. The government and states are teaching the girls not only how to make gardens. but also how to cook and how to make

money out of their work. In the reorganization of the Aiken Club its founder Miss Cromer, spent a summer in Nea up under her superintendence. On the

girls' canning party. At this the mem- the little ones much about soil and plants, werk,

the corners of each square set out a to- events are usually at the home of one of I have been especially interested in the came from there. It is gotten up by the mate by excavating a little with a hoe, the members. The boys of the corn patriarchal nature of this movement. Industrial College, at Winthrop, S. C. Get a pailful of rich dirt scraped up from clubs are often invited, and they aid the Uncle Sam writes to the girls as though which gave a scholarship to the girl who the barnyard and throw a handful of this girls by bringing in the wood and water he were a real uncle and they were real- raised 512 cans of tomatoes on her one in the hole for each plant. Now take and in keeping the fires. They also help ly his children. Here, for instance, is tenth-acre patch. The book is devoted to an extract from a letter which was sent recipes for tomatoes, catsups and cuup your plants, keeping with carried and set them out. In some of the places the canning outfit out last spring from the Department of cumbers, and it begins with this quotais carried from one center to another and Agriculture at Washington to the girls' tion from Ruskin as to the ideal cook:



A CANNING PARTY.

parents are required to give the land and this down a little and on the top place These boys' and girls' clubs are making club present and a crowd of spectators our rural homes. We want efficient and your great-grandmothers and the science

and of all that is healing and sweet in